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Attorney Docket No.: D-10

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In re application of: Stephen M. Brunell et al.

Application No.: 09/293,231

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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
ELECTROSURGICAL REMOVAL OF THE
STRATUM CORNEUM

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$220 in regards to the above-identified patent application for Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation.

In Applicants review of the April deposit account statement for Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation, Applicants noticed that \$220 was charged on March 23, 2009, for excess independent claims in the above-identified patent application. Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Director that Applicants previously paid for the same excess independent claims on June 18, 2002, from Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation.

In the Amendment filed June 12, 2002, Applicants added Claims 40-63 and cancelled Claims 28, 30 and 32. At the time of the amendment filed June 12, 2002, there were a total of 60 claims of which were 6 independent claims. On June 18, 2002, Deposit Account No. 50-0359 was charged \$216 for the excess claims and \$84 for the excess independent claims.

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In the Amendment filed February 20, 2009, Applicants did not add or cancel any claims. At the time of the amendment filed February 20, 2009, there were a total of 60 claims of which were 6 independent claims. Applicants believe that the \$220 charged on March 23, 2009, to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 was in error.

Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$220 corresponding to the total amount charged on March 23, 2009, to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this submission; however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.358.5925.

Respectfully submitted
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